

Senate Judiciary Committee

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I am a retired airline pilot, and I am now active in the Montana Pilot's Association and the Montana Seaplane Pilot's Association. I am an aircraft owner and flight instructor.

I am here today to speak in support of Senate Bill 0318. Other pilots will have presented the reasons why this bill should be enacted. However, I would like to make two important points:

- 1) The bill merely expands the limited liability coverage under the Montana recreational use statute to another form of recreation. The recreational use statute has stood the test of time in regard to other recreational uses pursued on private lands without compensation to the landowner.
- 2) There is still the provision for legal redress by a harmed party if gross negligence occurs on the part of the landowner. Grievously harmed people can still have their day in court.

Montana pilots and airstrip owners ask for your support.